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Letter dated 30 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Afghanistan, dated 18 September 1991.

I have further the honour to request that the text of the present letter and its annex be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 29 and 68, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khodaidad BASHARMAL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement issued on 18 September 1991 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan

As is well known, the Republic of Afghanistan has supported the five-point statement of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the recent statement made by the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on ending arms supplies to Afghanistan, and has expressed its readiness to contribute to and cooperate in every process resulting in the restoration of peace in the war-stricken land of the people of Afghanistan.

Regrettably, however, the opposition forces and their Pakistani patrons have not only refrained from giving a clearly positive response to the above-mentioned statements but, on the contrary, have intensified their military activities in Afghanistan, particularly in the provinces bordering Pakistan. From the information we have at our disposal, it appears that the opposition forces, in collaboration with and with the direct support of the military circles of Pakistan, have of late noticeably increased the transportation of weapons and ammunitions from Pakistan into the territory of Afghanistan. They have also intensified their armed attacks on a number of provinces bordering Pakistan.

These activities are being carried out at a time when extensive diplomatic efforts for an intra-Afghan dialogue and the rapid termination of war in Afghanistan are in progress. Such activities, being made in flagrant contradiction to the desire of the international community, the statement of the United Nations Secretary-General and the accord made by the two super-Powers for ending the war in Afghanistan, are a graphic manifestation of the determination of the Afghan opposition forces and their Pakistani supporters for the continuation and intensification of war and a crystal-clear defiance of the will of the international community.

The Government of the Republic of Afghanistan earnestly calls for the termination of such activities and urges that, in lieu of intensifying military operations that will lead to nothing but further killings of innocent people and the destruction of our country, the opposition forces and their Pakistani patrons think sober-mindedly and, by taking a constructive and realistic position, contribute to the implementation of the Secretary-General's statement and the recent declaration of the United States and the Soviet Union on Afghanistan leading to a peaceful, political solution.

The Government of the Republic of Afghanistan calls seriously upon the international community, the Secretary-General and the super-Powers to utilize their prestige and authority in order to exert pressure on Pakistan to refrain from the intensification of war in Afghanistan, to avoid encouraging the Afghan opposition forces in their war activities and to stop sending deadly weapons into the territory of Afghanistan.

While considering itself committed to the persistent, faithful and unsparing efforts towards a peaceful settlement of the problem in Afghanistan, the Government of the Republic of Afghanistan will take every necessary action in order to exercise its legitimate right to defend the independence, national sovereignty and territorial integrity of Afghanistan.